



# Middlefield Primary Academy

## Head's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

'Be the best you can be!'



Dear Parents and Carers,

Isn't January the longest month ever. It feels like it's January 67th?!

In Monday's assembly, we discussed the importance of teamwork and how Together Everyone Achieves More.

If your child comes home with a diamond gem, it's because they have done something above and beyond at school that I have seen. Please return it the next day. If you find any at home, please send them back into school as we are very low!

Our new behaviour policy is on our website. <https://www.middlefield.cambs.sch.uk/policies/>

Please take a look. Part of the new policy is the 'pink post it note'. Very similar to the diamond gems, if your child comes home with a pink post it note, it means the teacher or teaching assistant has chosen your child to have it for something above and beyond they have done during lessons or break. A maximum of two a week can be given out by a member of staff.



On Tuesday we welcomed Safari Stu back to Middlefield to kick start EYFS's topic of Amazing Animals. Huge thanks to Safari Stu who gave the children lots of amazing facts. The children absolutely loved looking and handling the variety of animals including giant cockroaches, snakes and a couple of other more cuddly animals. The children absolutely loved this experience!



Ava Mae, Year 5, made the decision to cut her long, golden locks for the Little Princess Trust. She raised over £300! It takes a lot of bravery to make a big change like that, and she's helping make a real difference for others. What an incredible accomplishment and her new haircut looks amazing!



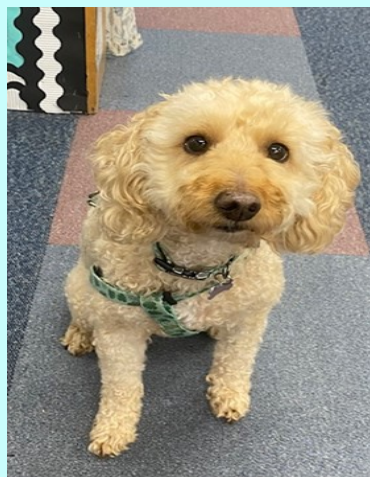
I had to showcase some of the amazing photography from by Year 5 this week! Every opportunity is a learning opportunity, and a bit of frost being no exception!



Best Wishes and keep safe,

Mrs Besant and all of Middlefield

Children and staff and, of course, Pippa.





# OUTDOOR LEARNING



Year 3 continued to be Middlefield Rangers, getting some items that were a little tricky for the younger classes. Lots of communication and encouragement was heard between the groups and our outdoor learning environment now not only looks great, but will continue to be safe for the wildlife that visits us.



On Friday Year 5 had their first Outdoor Learning session. We wrapped up warm and sauntered around the allotment, orchard and meadow to capture some macro photos. The children considered the lighting, background and composition to ensure they could capture the best image. The results are absolutely fantastic! (see front page)



Years 1 & 2 this week have had the task of topping up the bird feeders. We discussed how important it is to offer a reliable food source to maintain the bird population during winter. We added feeders to the woodland, orchard and pond. We discussed that not all birds will use the feeder, some birds are ground feeding birds so we put some feeding trays on the ground too. It wasn't long before the robins came down to the trays and enjoyed some sunflower seeds. Year 2 children also added some fallen dead twigs to the brush pile at the pond area, we discovered a little pathway and hole in it, we are hopeful we have a hibernating hedgehog or two using it.

# Our Achievements



## Diamond Learner Awards

| Year   | Name             |
|--------|------------------|
| EYFS   | Arthur & Frankie |
| Year 1 | Bodhi            |
| Year 2 | Zak              |
| Year 3 | Leo H            |
| Year 4 | Max              |
| Year 5 | Amelia           |
| Year 6 | Sonnie           |

## The Diamond Achievement

Award goes to

Year 2

Owen

Well done!

Our whole school attendance is 96.9%

The Attendance Cup goes to...

|     | Class | %    |
|-----|-------|------|
| 1st | Y5    | 98.7 |
| 2nd | Y4    | 98.1 |
| 3rd | Y2    | 98   |
| 4th | Y3    | 97.9 |
| 5th | Y1    | 96.3 |
| 6th | Y6    | 96   |
| 7th | EYFS  | 93.7 |



Flash, our 100%

Attendance Husky goes to Mrs Franklin !

Well done and

Keep it up !!

# Family Advisor

## Lorraine Simon

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

## Appointments in school

Individual Appointments for Middlefield Primary Academy parents:

Appointments available on the following Mondays, from 9am.

14<sup>th</sup> October 2024

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

11<sup>th</sup> November

10<sup>th</sup> February

9<sup>th</sup> June

9<sup>th</sup> December

10<sup>th</sup> March

14<sup>th</sup> July

To make an appointment, please ask at the school office,  
or contact your linked worker for an alternative appointment time

*Appointments are being held back in school, but families may need to be aware of any restriction if the Coronavirus situation changes.  
Appointments may need to be held via Microsoft Teams.*



January

Thursday 23rd—Year 6 Young Voices @ 02

February

Thursday 13th 2.45pm Year 5 Class assembly

17th—21st—Half term

March

Monday 10th—SEND Parent Meetings—NEW DATE

Monday 24th & Thursday 27th—Parent Meetings—NEW DATES

Thursday 27th -Year 4 Class Assembly

April

Mon 7th- Mon 21st Easter Hols

22nd April—training day, children back Wednesday 23rd

Wednesday 23rd-Friday 25th—Y4 Grafham Residential

May

Monday 5th—May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 8th—Year 3 Class Assembly

Monday 12th- Thursday 15th—Year 6 SATS

26th—30th— May Half Term